ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Chicago Location: ISBE Video Conference Room, 14th Floor, 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, IL

Springfield Location: ISBE Video Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 100 N. First Street, Springfield, IL

March 12, 2014

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9:00 a.m.

I. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance
   A. Consideration of and Possible Actions on Any Requests for Participation in Meeting by Other Means

II. Public Participation

III. Resolutions & Recognition

IV. Presentations and Updates
   A. Educator Candidate Diversity Meeting Follow-Up, Jason Helfer

V. IBHE Liaison Report (Dr. Proshanta Nandi)

VI. Superintendent's Report - Consent Agenda
   A. *Approval of Minutes
      1. Plenary Minutes: February 19, 2014
   B. *Rules for Initial Review
      1. Part 25 (Educator Licensure)
         Includes new Section 25.355, which sets forth requirements for the revised superintendent’s endorsement to be issued beginning in 2019.
      2. Part 33 (Programs for the Preparation of Superintendents in Illinois)
         This new Part sets forth requirements for programs that prepare superintendents and addresses admission, curricular and staff criteria, as well as the standards for program approval and the competencies that candidates should master in order to qualify for the endorsement.
   C. *Rules for Adoption
      1. Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision)
         Makes technical changes to conform the rules to the new licensure system that took effect July 1, 2013, and acknowledges changes in receipt of the elementary education and middle grades endorsements. Two letters of public comment were received on this rulemaking, although no changes are being recommended in response to the comments received. Therefore, the version being presented for adoption is identical to the version the Board initially reviewed in December.
      2. Part 25 (Educator Certification)
         Responds to recently enacted statutory changes and makes other technical changes; eliminates the limit on the number of times a licensure candidate or applicant may take a required test; and proposes minimum scores to be used for the ACT and SAT writing
components that are comparable to the minimum writing score on the Illinois test of basic skills. Thirty-one letters of public comment were received on this rulemaking; several changes are being recommended as a result of the comments.

3. Part 30 (Programs for the Preparation of Principals in Illinois),
   Proposes flexibility in requirements specific to internship sites and the number of candidates for which a mentor has responsibility; responds to P.A. 97-581, effective August 27, 2013, regarding the content-area test. Forty-one letters of public comment were received on this rulemaking; one change is being recommended as a result of the comments.

D. *Contracts & Grants Over $1 Million
   1. Approval of Illinois State University Intergovernmental Agreement Extension Exceeding $1 Million
   2. Request to Award Contract: FY15 ELL Professional Development

E. *Targeted Initiatives Grants
   1. Request to Award Grant: Oak Park ESD 97
   2. Request to Award Grant: Wiley Resource Center, NFP

End of Consent Agenda

Break for Lunch
F. Financial Profile
G. Special Education Expenditure/Revenue Report

VII. Discussion Items
   A. District Oversight – Monthly Update *(Superintendent Koch)*
   B. Legislative Update
   C. Other Items for Discussion

VIII. Announcements & Reports
   A. Superintendent's/Senior Staff Announcements
   B. Chairman’s Report
   C. Member Reports

IX. Information Items
   A. ISBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports *(available online at http://isbe.net/board/fiscal_admin_rep.htm)*

X. Closed Session (as needed)

XI. Adjourn

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NOTE: Chairman Chico may call for a break in the meeting as necessary in order for the Board to go into closed session.
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ROLL CALL
Mr. Gery Chico, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Dr. Koch was in attendance and a quorum was present.

Members Present in Springfield
Dr. Andrea Brown
Dr. David Fields
Ms. Melinda LaBarre

Members Present in Chicago
Mr. Gery Chico, Chairman
Mr. Steven Gilford, Vice Chairman
(joined meeting at 10:16 a.m.)
Dr. Vinni Hall, Secretary
Mr. Curt Bradshaw

Members Present by Phone
Mr. James Baumann

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION
Springfield Public Participation
Erika Hunt co-chair of Illinois P-20 Council Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Committee discussed the P-20 recommendation to cultivate a state pipeline of diverse, academically talented educators.

PRESENTATIONS
AND UPDATES
Jason Helfer, Assistant Superintendent for Teacher and Leader Effectiveness gave an update on the Educator Candidate Diversity Meeting on February 24, 2014. Superintendent Koch, Vinni Hall and Melinda LaBarre attended the event. The morning session with IHE faculty focused on the importance of successful recruitment and retention of diverse teacher candidates. The afternoon session provided an opportunity to meet with newly licensed teachers. Each of the teachers mentioned an individual who, during middle school, high school or college, took an interest in them and supported them in their work.

IBHE LIAISON
REPORT
Dr. Proshanta Nandi gave an update on the Illinois Board of Higher Education. On February 4, 2014 the Illinois Board of Higher Education approved a proposed FY15 budget that maintains level funding for Illinois public campuses’ operations, and includes recommendations for capital expenditures. The budget includes four investment levels with new funds recommended to replace the loss of federal and state funds over the last five years. He also noted that Dr. James Applegate began as Executive Director on February 16, 2014.

CONSENT
AGENDA
Motion:
Dr. Fields moved that the State Board of Education hereby approves the consent agenda as presented. Ms. LaBarre seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

The following motions were approved by action taken in the consent agenda motion.

Approval of Minutes
The State Board of Education hereby approves the minutes for the February 19, 2014, board meeting.
Rules for Initial Review

Part 25 (Educator Certification)
This rulemaking is a companion to new Part 33, which proposes requirements for superintendent preparation programs. Changes are needed in Part 25 to acknowledge the requirements for the superintendent endorsement beginning September 1, 2019, and to inform candidates who are currently enrolled in programs or who will be enrolled before 2016 of the date by which they must obtain their endorsement in order to avoid being subject to the new requirements.

Part 33 (Programs for the Preparation of Superintendents in Illinois)
Proposed Part 33 establishes criteria for the approval of programs to prepare superintendents and is organized around general requirements, internship and required coursework, candidate selection, program approval and competencies for superintendants. As noted above, programs that prepare superintendents must meet the new requirements by September 1, 2019, and existing programs will not be allowed to enroll any new candidates after September 1, 2016, thereby enabling the cohorts participating in those programs to complete their studies and receive the endorsement before the new requirements take effect. Currently, 18 programs are approved for the preparation of superintendents.

The State Board of Education authorized solicitation of public comment on these proposed rulemakings, including publication of the proposed amendments in the Illinois Register.

Rules for Adoption

Part 1 (Public Schools Evaluation, Recognition and Supervision)
The proposed changes in Subpart G primarily respond to P.A. 97-607, effective August 26, 2011, which changed the system of teacher, administrator and school service personnel certification set forth in Article 21 of the School Code to a licensure system (105 ILCS 5/Art. 21B). References to certification and related terms are being modified to align Part 1 to the licensure system, which became effective July 1, 2013. Subpart G also is being updated to reflect new requirements for receipt of the elementary education and middle grades endorsements, as well as to clarify the range of administrative assignments available to individuals holding the teacher leader endorsement authorized under Article 21B of the School Code. Two letters of public comment were received but no changes were proposed in response.

Part 25 (Educator Licensure)
The proposed changes respond to recently enacted statutory changes regarding certain tests and licenses and makes other technical changes specific to the new licensure system. Staff are also proposing elimination of the limit on the number of times a licensure candidate or applicant may take a required test in response to concerns expressed at the August 2013 Board meeting regarding certain candidates’ difficulty in passing each component of the test of basic skills. Finally, a process is being proposed to identify the minimum scores to be used for the ACT and SAT writing components that are comparable to the minimum writing score on the Illinois test of basic skills; this change responds to a 2012 request of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. The agency received 32 letters of public comment, resulting in proposed modifications in Sections addressing out-of-state educators, student teachers and testing requirements.

Part 30 (Programs for the Preparation of Principals in Illinois)
The proposed amendments will provide flexibility in determining which schools may serve as internship sites, as well as increase the number of candidates for
which a mentor has responsibility in order to ensure greater efficiency in program operations. The proposed amendments also respond to P.A. 97-581, effective August 27, 2013, regarding at one point in a candidate’s program he or she must pass the content-area test. Forty-one letters of public comment were submitted, with one change being proposed to the student growth evidence required of principals of schools serving as internship sites.

The State Board of Education adopted proposed rulemakings for Parts 1, 25 and 30, including the changes recommended in response to public comment, and authorized the State Superintendent of Education to make such technical and non-substantive changes as the State Superintendent may deem necessary in response to suggestions or objections of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

**Contracts & Grants over $1 Million**

**Approval of Illinois State University Intergovernmental Agreement Extension Exceeding $1 Million**

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to renew the Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois State University through June 30, 2015 for an additional $900,000 to support the new Illinois Learning Standards for English Language Arts and Math statewide implementation. The total Intergovernmental Agreement will not exceed $2,700,000.

**Request to Award Contract: FY15 ELL Professional Development**

The State Board of Education hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to renew the contract for the delivery of ELL Statewide Professional Development services with the Illinois Resource Center for the amount of $1,955,964 for the period of July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015, total contract amount not to exceed $6,627,174.

**Targeted Initiatives Grants**

**Request to Award Grant: Oak Park ESD 97**

The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to award a grant to Oak Park Elementary School District 97 for the District’s multicultural center for an initial period beginning February 24, 2014 through June 30, 2014, with permission given to the State Superintendent to extend expenditure availability of the grant for a period not to exceed two years, if needed, to complete grant activities as provided in Section five of the Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act [30 ILCS 705/5], in the amount of $10,000.

**Request to Award Grant: Wiley Resource Center, NFP**

The State Board hereby authorizes the State Superintendent to award a grant to Wiley Resource Center, NFP for an initial period beginning February 7, 2014, through June 30, 2014, with permission given to the State Superintendent to extend expenditure availability of the grant for a period not to exceed two years, if needed, to complete grant activities as provided in Section five of the Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act [30 ILCS 705/5], in the amount of $25,000.

**END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Chico announced that the Board would be entering into closed session.

Dr. Hall moved that the Board enter into closed session under the exceptions set forth in the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois as follows:

Section c 11 for the purpose of considering pending or probable litigation against or affecting the Board, and
APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2013, JANUARY 22, 2014 AND FEBRUARY 19, 2014

Section c 21 for the purpose of discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

Dr. Hall further moved that the Board may invite anyone they wish to be included in the closed session. Mr. Bradshaw seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

The Board entered in closed session at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened from closed session at 10:33 a.m.

FINANCIAL PROFILE

Mr. Bradshaw moved that Pursuant to Section 2.06(d) of the Open Meeting Act, the State Board of Education has reviewed the minutes of closed sessions from November 22, 2013, January 22, 2014 and February 19, 2014. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call.

The State Board of Education certifies that the need for confidentiality still exists for the closed session minutes for the time period reviewed and approves the destruction of all closed session verbatim recordings prior to August 2012.

Ms. LaBarre moved that the Illinois State Board of Education hereby approves the financial designations of school districts as set forth in the Fiscal Year 2014 Financial Profile Scores. These designations have been calculated using the revised methodology with data from the districts’ Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Financial Reports and, furthermore, recognize that the districts designated on the Financial Watch List are those so identified from the Fiscal Year 2014 Financial Profile calculations. Dr. Hall seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous roll call.

The Board did not take any action on the Special Education Expenditure and Revenue Report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

District Oversight

Superintendent Koch discussed an article on four East St. Louis students who will attend college together at Lincoln College of Technology in Indiana. This program will emphasize hands-on learning. Robert Wolfe and Superintendent Koch are putting together Dashboard Metrics that will include short and long term targets. Nicki Bazer noted that North Chicago has had a lot of community investment and she believes it is because of the leadership that North Chicago is showing from Ben Martindale and his team.

Legislative Update

Nicki Bazer and Amanda Elliott provided a summary of legislation that has been filed for the Spring 2014 legislative session and an update on the Board’s 2014 legislative agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS

Chairman Chico asked Susie Morrison to give an update on the No Child Left Behind Waiver submission to the United States Department of Education. Ms. Morrison explained that Illinois’ Waiver was re-submitted one week ago and that the Department of Education is still reviewing the waiver.

Dr. Hall announced that Superintendent Koch and Dr. Andrea Brown participated in the Erickson Institute Task Force on Reducing Achievement Gaps and that the guest speaker was Dr. Jerry Weast from Maryland.
Chairman Chico thanked Board Members for attending the House and Senate Appropriations Hearings and having several Board Members present showed the General Assembly that the Board is a unified front.

Chairman Chico announced that he and Superintendent Koch sent a letter last week to Chicago Public Schools CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett discussing ISAT testing and that the tests are mandated by federal and state law. Nicki Bazer announced that there will be two more appropriations hearings. They will be on March 14th in Chicago and March 21st in Springfield and to please let her know if any Board Members would be attending.

Dr. Fields acknowledged the hard work and appreciation of ISBE staff for putting together testimony for the hearings.

Ms. LaBarre thanked Chairman Chico, Superintendent Koch, and Robert Wolfe for doing a great job testifying at the hearings.

Chairman Chico announced that Dr. Fields has previously served as Chair on the Education Policy Planning Committee and that he would like to reappointment him to this committee if he accepts. Dr. Fields accepted the appointment.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

ISBE Fiscal & Administrative Monthly Reports ([available online at http://isbe.net/board/fiscal_admin_rep.htm](http://isbe.net/board/fiscal_admin_rep.htm))

**MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Chico moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Fields seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Vinni Hall  Mr. Gery J. Chico
Board Secretary  Chairman